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The Transportation Strategic Plan (TSP)



"Seattle is making smart transportation choices for a 21st century transportation network."

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor of Seattle



Transportation is a Priority

Mayor Nickels has stated that transportation will continue to be a priority for our economy, the environment and the people who live in Seattle.

The Transportation Strategic Plan (TSP) is a 20-year plan to create a 21st century transportation network. A roadmap of transportation actions, resources and data, the TSP defines the actions the City will take to address the key issues raised by the City Council and the public about operating Seattle's transportation system and to get Seattle moving.

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moving

 **SDOT**
Seattle Department of Transportation

Safety. Mobility. Choices.

The Transportation Strategic Plan includes:

A Guide to City Transportation Policy.

Together with the City's Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element, the TSP describes the vision, goals and policies the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will take to achieve transportation excellence for Seattle and the Puget Sound Region today, and in the future.

An Action Agenda.

The TSP describes the actions, projects and programs that SDOT will take to promote economic growth in Seattle and the region, support livable neighborhoods, improve the environment, and address the many demands of the traveling public.

Bringing Together Information.

The TSP is a resource that describes the full picture of Seattle's transportation system including transit and bicycle routes, data on commute patterns, and on- and off-street parking locations.

Transportation Projects and Programs.

The TSP includes condensed versions of the projects contained in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for transportation.

Measuring Success.

Tracking SDOT's performance over time is another function of the TSP and performance goals are included that track progress in the following areas:

- improving safety;
- preserving and maintaining infrastructure; and
- increasing mobility and access through transportation choices.

The TSP helps to ensure maximum return on taxpayers' investments in transportation.



from Transit Element of Comprehensive Plan

Transportation Strategic Plan Update (TSP)

The Plan

Transit Plan

Freight Mobility Strategic Plan

Other Modal Systems

Find out what SDOT has already accomplished over the past five years! Visit: www.seattle.gov/transportation/ppmphone.htm





Growth and Change—Updating the 1998 TSP

The original TSP was adopted in 1998. Updates acknowledge growth and change within the City and also serve as a check-in with the public to confirm SDOT is on track.

In 2004, SDOT staff worked on the TSP and presented drafts of the plan to various groups including the City Neighborhood Coalition, Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturing and Industrial Council, Transportation Choices Coalition and the Seattle Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Boards. All public comments were considered when finalizing the 2005 updated plan.



Strategies for Funding Seattle's Transportation System

Seattle has a major transportation funding problem. Operations and maintenance alone could absorb all the transportation funding we have...and more. Excluding special funds for 'mega-projects', the City's annual transportation revenues are \$69 million. SDOT could easily use an additional \$100 million a year to prevent further deterioration, eliminate project backlog and improve mobility.

Using the TSP, projects and programs are prioritized by:

- safety;
- preservation and maintenance of infrastructure;
- cost effectiveness;
- mobility improvements;
- economic development;
- *Comprehensive Plan* goals and policies; and
- environmental improvements.

Regardless of available funding, the TSP provides a long-range plan to preserve, maintain and improve our transportation system. It manages the City's assets in a fiscally responsible way to ensure dollars are available for a wide range of programs and projects that *get Seattle moving*.



Want More Details?

A number of companion documents are available on the SDOT TSP website at www.seattle.gov/transportation/tsphome.htm that provide additional details about some of the strategies in this plan. These documents include:

- Seattle's Street Classification Maps (high resolution versions);
- The Seattle Transit Plan;
- The Freight Mobility Action Plan;
- Sub Area Transportation Plans such as the South Lake Union Transportation Study, the University Area Transportation Study (UATS), and the South Ballard Corridor Study. Other sub area transportation plans will be added to this site as they are completed.
- The SDOT Annual Reports.

You can download a copy of the TSP or any of the companion documents listed above from the SDOT Web site at: www.seattle.gov/transportation/tsphome.htm. Copies of the TSP are also available at Seattle Public Libraries and Neighborhood Service Centers. For additional information, call SDOT at (206) 684-8542.

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